

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I meant is it the person on the garbage truck who makes the determination as to what you are going to owe in addition to what you are paying under the flat fee?

SENATOR HORGAN: Senator, I honestly don't know. I would assume there would have to be some type of an accounting done at the time it is picked up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You said you assume?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You've heard how people have broken down that word, haven't you?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, yes, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why would you use that word in a discussion like this?

SENATOR HORGAN: I am a freshman senator, you know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No...thank you, Senator Horgan, and you are very even-tempered and good-natured, too, and I appreciate that. This is a bill which we all know would allow for a lot of levity but there hasn't been much that developed with reference to the bill, and I don't intend to do that now. But I am serious in my opposition to the bill, and I am going to do what I can to keep it from passing. I don't think it will move this morning. Are we going to go through lunch today? Are we going through lunch today? The Speaker doesn't even know, so I have got to prepare some more amendments, but I assure you that that is what I will do. I am wondering if the garbage people will be able to snow the Speaker enough to have him put this back on the agenda in the middle of our discussion of taxes, because it is a tax. It is a little baby tax but it is a tax, and Senator Haberman I think correctly tried to offer an amendment that would reduce property taxes based on the amount that would be realized under this fee system, but it is clear the Legislature is not interested in being fair to the people of Omaha who have to do this. The legislators are looking at the City of Omaha and its administration as an entity to which they owe an obligation. No obligation is owed to the City of Omaha as an entity, nor to the administration. If the Legislature has an obligation, it is to the people of the state, and there are people of this state who